NEPA clause prepared by Whitney Fiore 03/16/2010

You are restricted from taking any action using Federal funds, which would have an adverse effect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding this project.

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for Federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving Federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain activities or tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination:

Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy:

DOE has made a final NEPA Determination for this activity, which is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

To Be Determined:

Prohibited actions include: Recipient is restricted from distributing Federal funds pending: (1) further submission by Recipient specifically identifying all activities authorized under this Program; and (2) a final NEPA determination from DOE regarding those activities.

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Activities	Determination/ Categorical Exclusion	Reviewer's Specific Instructions and Rationale (Restrictions and Allowable Activity)
Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy and Administration	A9, A11 – administrative	None.
To Be Determined	No Determination	Need more info on eligible activities

Additional Comments:

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, other applicable regulatory requirements are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date